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**STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
SATURDAYDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2012**

I Hereby Certify that at a Session of the Legislature of Erie County, to be held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 8th Day of November 2012, this resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true and accurate copy:

Whereas, the Buffalo Urban League was started in 1927 by an interracial group of prominent citizens who united to address employment and social needs of African Americans migrating from the south to the north as well as other immigrant populations who settled in the City of Buffalo, and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Buffalo Urban League is to empower African Americans, other minorities and disadvantaged people to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights, and

Whereas, The focus of both the National and local Buffalo Urban League is to provide programming and support in the following five areas; education and youth empowerment, economic empowerment, health and quality of life empowerment, civic engagement and leadership empowerment, and civil rights and racial justice empowerment, and

Whereas, on Saturday, November 17, 2012 at 6 pm at the Buffalo Convention Center, the Buffalo Urban League will celebrate their 85th year of existence here in Buffalo, New York

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT,

Resolved, That the Erie County Legislature does herein affirm its continued support of the Buffalo Urban League, its mission and commitment to the residents of Erie County and all of Western New York and be it further

Resolved, that this Honorable Body does herein pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Buffalo Urban League on 85 years of standing in the gap for the disenfranchised and helping to turn their stumbling blocks into stepping stones that will guide them through the world around them.

Betty Jean Grant, Chair
2nd District Legislator

Robert Graber
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature